[Prof. Sourendra Bhattacharjee]

ditious completion of these projects which are vital not only for Calcutta but for the entire metropolitan area as well.

Since the time is very short, I would end by making two or three more points. I had occasion to draw the attention of the Minister to the withdrawal of the train running to North Bengal and a portion of Assam—the Janata Express. The reply that I got was that it was really a readjustment. (*Interruptions*). and there is no complaint from the area. I personally went to the North Bengal areas and a portion of Murshidabad and Burdwan Districts. The absence of this train is felt very much by the people of these areas. Earlier, my friend from Andhra Pradesh referred to the withdrawal of the Madras-Bombay Janata Express. If the Janata Express is not to be restored, at least, an additional train between Calcutta and North Bengal should be introduced to mitigate the hardship, the suffering felt by the people of this area which has long been neglected. Regarding (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Prof. Lakshmanna, please sit down.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: He can stop for one minute.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Only two minutes are left. (*Interruptions*). Let him complete his speech.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: It is a question of privilege I am raising.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): How can you raise a question of privilege when a speech is going on? I am not allowing you. (*Interruptions*). Let him complete his speech. (*Interruptions*). I am not allowing you. Can you not wait for two minutes?

PROF. C. LAKSHMANA: We have waited for two days.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): I am not allowing you. Please sit down. I have told you several times. (*Interruptions*).

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I have been making an appeal...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Prof. Bhattacharjee, please go on.

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: I am not grudging the Shatabdi Express. But I have one point in regard to the speed of the Rajdhani Express. It is now 17 hours instead of original 14½ hours. I would like to the Minister kindly to examine whether its running time can be shortened and reduced.

There is one more thing. It is our experience, coming from Calcutta to Delhi, that a particular portion of the track between Allahabad and Kanpur is fraught with some danger, it seems. Derailments and other things are very frequent on this route. I request the hon. Minister to kindly examine why this particular area has been witnessing these unusual happenings for a long time.

Thank you.

RE. SUPPLY OF COPIES OF THAKKAR COMMISSION REPORT

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, yesterday and today, the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen in the House have been continuously assuring us that the Members will get all that has been laid on the Table of the House. After having waited for two days, what I have got today is this so-called final report

and not even the interim report. I am not talking about...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): I am old that the report is there and you will get it tomorrow morning.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: No, the Deputy Chairmman assured us...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): I can tell you whatever information I have got.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): You should take the Government to task.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I am saying that the Deputy Chairman, from the podium, assured us. She said: "I cannot assure what has not been laid to be supplied; but I assure that at 5 o'clock, you will get all that has been laid on the Table".

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): At what time?

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: At 5 o'clock, all that has been laid on the Table. Now it has been laid on the Table and it has been supplied at other places. Even some Members of this very House have got it. I know that they hae got it. While other Members have got it, we are getting only this. And if this is the way in which Members are treated, if this is the way the House is to be treated, if this is the way in which the country is to be treated, I do not understand wha exactly is happening.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): You have made your point.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): May I have a word, Sir? We understood in the morning that at least both these reports will be made available within 5 o'clock. Apart from other things which we raised in the House, only 50 copies I am told, are made available of the final report and not the interim report.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): How many? Fifteen.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Fifty, five-zero.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): All of you have got it?

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI (Andhra Pradesh): Some of us did not get it.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I have got it just now. But the interim report is not available. This is very casual way of functioning. They are treating the House very casually. This is not proper. Where are we heading to really? I want to ask, is the Government really functioning well? What has happened? I do not find any seriousness. They take these things very casually. I am so sorry.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): I understand from the Secretary-General that 90 copies of the final report but not the interim report have reached the table Office and some Members are taking it away. That is okay. The interim report has yet not reached them. If it comes now after some time, we will certainly see that it is delivered. If it does not, it will have to be in the morning tomorrow. As Mr. Gurupadaswamy mentioned, after all, the printing process of the report started only after the 27th. So they are making all efforts to deliver as many copies as possible to the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. I hope the people who are engaged in this will speed it up more and deliver the report as early as possible, because none of us also got copies of the report on this side either.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): You please convey the feelings.... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): Government's conduct is mysterious.

... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Mr. Sukomal Sen, I will certainly convey the anxiety and feeling to the concerned people immediately.

... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री मीर्जा इर्शाद बेग (गुजरात) : यह 50 कापी जो रखी गई है, इनमें एक भी कापी हिन्दी की अवलेबल नहीं है । यह तो राजभाषा के साथ अन्याय है।

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया (बिहार) : हिन्दी की प्रतियां जरूर होनी चाहियें । उससे पहले इस पर कोई डिसक्शन नहीं होगा ।

डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : हिन्दी अंग्रेजी दोनों साथ रखी जानी चाहियें । जब तक हिन्दी की प्रति नहीं आयेंगी, सदन में चर्चा नहीं हो सकती । हिन्दी की प्रति उपलब्ध कराई जायें ।

श्री मीर्जा इर्शाद बेग : जब तक हिन्दी में प्रति नहीं आयेंगी, हम चर्चा नहीं होने देंगे ।

डा० अबरार अहमद खान (राजस्थान): हिन्दी में कापी दिलाई जाय, उसके बाद चर्चा होगी ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): I will convey the feelings of the House... (*Interruptions*)... I will convey your strong feelings and now I want the Minister to convey the feelings of this House that copies have not been given to them and, as such, efforts should be made to supply the copies to them. They should also say why they have not been able to supply the copies... (*Interruptions*).... Now, Mr. Madhavrao Scindia. ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Order, Order, please. Mr. Minister, how much time will you take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Five minutes.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Fifteen minutes.

I. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN PARAGRAPHS 9 TO 12 OF THE THIRTEENTH REPORT OF RAIL WAY CONVENTION COMMITTEE, 1985.

II. THE APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS) BILL, 1989.

III. THE APPRPRIATION (RAILWAYS) NO. 2 BILL, 1989—contd.

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Madam Deputy Chairman... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister is replying. Why are you pulling the chain? Let us go ahead.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Madam Deputy Chairman, I would like to thank the honourable Members for their participation in the discussion on the Grants. In the past few days, both in the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha, we have had many hours of very useful discussion, and the Indian Railways will undoubtedly be benefited by the advice and suggestions that have been offered by the honourable Members. I would like to thank the honourable Members for the generous support that has been given in making a forceful plea to the Planning Commission for greater allocations to the Railway Ministry and a larger railway plan. We too